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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"That does not follow."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—"May I take it that Government will not finance the existing colleges so far as desirable ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The Government as managers of these colleges will maintain these colleges in a way that will be approved by the University."

Fixing of the jurisdiction of Junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

*1534 *Q.*—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the jurisdiction of Government servants drawing fixed travelling allowances according to the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules has to be fixed ;

(*b*) whether the jurisdiction of junior grade Deputy Inspectors of Schools in the Madura and Trichinopoly districts has been so fixed ; and

(*c*) if the answer is in the negative, whether the Government will be pleased to order the fixation of the jurisdiction of these officers ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The work of Junior Deputy Inspectors may lie all in one range or may be divided between two or more adjacent ranges, according to the amount of relief needed by the Senior Deputy Inspectors. In the latter case, the District Educational Officer concerned will arrange that the schools in different ranges which are entrusted to one Junior Deputy Inspector are as near together as possible. In such cases, for purposes of fixed travelling allowance 'the specified area' mentioned in rule 13 of the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules may be taken to be the ranges in which the officer has to work, though in actual practice it will be much less.

The Government have no intention of revising the arrangement at present.

Conveyance facilities for the school-going Zenana Muslim girls.

*1535 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in Salem and Udamalpet carts are provided for the conveyance of the Zenana Muslim girls to and from the school at which they are educated with a view to popularize female education in that community ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the hon. the Minister proposes to introduce this system throughout the Presidency ?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) The question of providing conveyances for Muslim girls in schools under local bodies and private agencies is one for consideration by the managing bodies concerned. As regards Government schools it is proposed to provide conveyances in all schools for Muslim girls in which there are classes above the fifth, the concession being restricted to pupils in the fifth and higher classes.

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know from the hon. Minister whether Government do not consider the reports of these local bodies annually ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Of course the reports of local bodies are issued annually."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know from the hon. Minister whether Government should not draw the attention of these local bodies to the matter ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is a matter for the local bodies concerned."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" My question is whether Government have at any time drawn the attention of these local bodies ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Government do not think it necessary to draw the attention of local bodies."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know from what Muslim authority Government gathered their information on which they have passed that conveyance could be provided only to girls above the fifth standard ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" For the simple reason that girls under that age do not observe strict purdah."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know under what authority the hon. Minister says that girls studying in classes below the fifth standard do not observe purdah, whatever their age ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" From experience gained in the department I am assured that girls up to the fifth standard are of an age when they do not observe purdah."

Prevention of smoking in schools and colleges.

* 1536 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : With reference to the answer to my question No. 628 answered on 26th November 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has since received the complete reports regarding the effect of his circular of 1925 in preventing smoking in schools and colleges ; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House all the information received on this subject ?

A.—(*a*) The Director has received reports from District Educational Officers and Principals of Colleges.

(*b*) It is seen from the reports that the Director's circular of 1925 has been instrumental in checking to a large extent the habit of smoking in school and college premises and on play-grounds, but that in certain districts better results can be hoped for only through parental co-operation. It is not considered necessary to place the reports on the table of the House.